

**Overview of the CareerSource Polk Region  
Not Seasonally Adjusted  
December 16, 2016**

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Polk region (Polk County) was 5.7 percent in November 2016. This rate was equal to the region's year ago rate of 5.7 percent. Out of a labor force of 283,504 there were 16,244 unemployed residents in the region.
- In November 2016 nonagricultural employment in the Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA was 215,500, an increase of 3,300 jobs (+1.6 percent) over the year.
- The Lakeland-Winter Haven MSA had the second fastest annual job growth rate compared to all the metro areas in the state in professional and business services (+5.8 percent) in November 2016.
- The professional and business services (+5.8 percent) and trade, transportation, and utilities (+4.4 percent) industries grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- The industries gaining in jobs over the year were: trade, transportation, and utilities (+2,300 jobs); professional and business services (+1,700 jobs); leisure and hospitality (+600 jobs); manufacturing (+300 jobs); financial activities (+300 jobs); and other services (+100 jobs).
- The government (-1,300 jobs); education and health services (-400 jobs); mining, logging, and construction (-300 jobs) industries lost jobs over the year.
- The information industry was unchanged over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics.

<b>Unemployment Rates (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Nov-16</b>	<b>Oct-16</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%
Florida	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%
United States	4.4%	4.7%	4.8%

<b>Nonagricultural Employment by Industry (not seasonally adjusted)</b>	<b>Lakeland-Winter Haven Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>				<b>Florida</b>			
	<b>Nov-16</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>	<b>Nov-16</b>	<b>Nov-15</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
Total Employment	215,500	212,200	3,300	1.6	8,532,900	8,268,100	264,800	3.2
Mining, Logging, and Construction	12,300	12,600	-300	-2.4	473,000	449,600	23,400	5.2
Manufacturing	16,900	16,600	300	1.8	359,200	348,300	10,900	3.1
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	54,900	52,600	2,300	4.4	1,760,000	1,723,200	36,800	2.1
Wholesale Trade	10,500	10,300	200	1.9	343,000	338,100	4,900	1.4
Retail Trade	29,000	27,300	1,700	6.2	1,138,400	1,112,800	25,600	2.3
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utiliti	15,400	15,000	400	2.7	278,600	272,300	6,300	2.3
Information	1,600	1,600	0	0.0	135,200	135,900	-700	-0.5
Financial Activities	12,700	12,400	300	2.4	558,900	542,700	16,200	3.0
Professional and Business Services	30,900	29,200	1,700	5.8	1,314,200	1,262,500	51,700	4.1
Education and Health Services	30,200	30,600	-400	-1.3	1,276,100	1,226,300	49,800	4.1
Leisure and Hospitality	23,100	22,500	600	2.7	1,193,000	1,136,200	56,800	5.0
Other Services	5,900	5,800	100	1.7	343,700	336,400	7,300	2.2
Government	27,000	28,300	-1,300	-4.6	1,119,600	1,107,000	12,600	1.1

<b>Population</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	633,052	623,174	9,878	1.6
Florida	19,815,183	19,507,369	307,814	1.6

<b>Average Annual Wage</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>change</b>	<b>percent change</b>
CareerSource Polk (Polk County)	\$39,362	\$38,512	\$850	2.2
Florida	\$46,236	\$44,810	\$1,426	3.2

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